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1. NPIC/R-187/67 IS RELEASABLE

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2. FOR YOUR INFO, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES APPLY TO THE CONTROL OF BLACK SHIELD PHOTOGRAPHY AND PRODUCTS.

A. ALL BLACK SHIELD PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE CLASSIFIED AND TITLED ON A FRAME BY FRAME BASIS "SECRET" WITH DISSEMINATION CONTROL MARKING

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B. EACH ROLL OF BLACK SHIELD PHOTOGRAPHY PRESENTLY HELD WILL BE MARKED ON THE HEAD AND TAIL "SECRET" ANY INDIVIDUAL FRAMES REPRODUCED OR REMOVED FROM THESE ROLLS WILL BE STAMPED "SECRET"

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C. ALL IPIR'S, SUPIR'S AND OTHER REPORTS DERIVED SOLELY FROM BLACK SHIELD MISSIONS WILL BE MARKED "SECRET"

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D. INTELLIGENCE DERIVED FROM BLACK SHIELD MISSIONS MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THOSE

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WHICH RECEIVE INFORMATION DERIVED FROM OTHER AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE COLLECTION SYSTEMS SO LONG AS IT IS NOT IN THE FORM OF AN IPIR OR SUPIR OR OTHERWISE REVEALS THE SCOPE OF BLACK SHIELD MISSION ACTIVITY. PIECEMEAL RELEASE WHICH WOULD PERMIT RECONSTRUCTION OF A MISSION IS SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED. INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION RELEASED WILL BE CLASSIFIED "SECRET" WITH CONTROL MARKINGS

E. PHOTOGRAPHY MAY BE RELEASED

WHEN SANITIZED

AS FOLLOWS:

(1) REMOVAL OF FIDUCIAL MARKS. ENLARGEMENT AND CHANGE OF SCALE TO MAKE PHOTOGRAPHY APPEAR SIMILAR TO OTHER CONVENTIONAL AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY. WHEN RELEASED PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE MARKED "SECRET"

(2) BOTH PHOTOGRAPHY AND INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION RELEASED MAY BE IDENTIFIED BY THE NAME BLACK SHIELD.

F. SANITIZED PHOTOGRAPHY MAY INCLUDE MISSION NUMBER, DATE, AND FRAME. IT, HOWEVER, MAY NOT INCLUDE ENLARGEMENT FACTOR OR BAR SCALE WHICH CAN BE USED TO RECONSTRUCT ACTUAL SCALE OF PHOTOGRAPHY.

G. BLACK SHIELD PHOTOGRAPHY MAY BE USED IN TARGET FOLDERS AND CARRIED IN COMBAT MISSION AIRCRAFT WHEN SANITIZED TO PRECLUDE DETERMINATION OF TRUE ALTITUDE OF COLLECTION VEHICLE BY CHANGING THE FORMAT THROUGH ENLARGING AND CROPPING TO SHOW ONLY TARGET AREA AND REMOVING ORIGINAL FIDUCIAL MARKS. THE GENERAL APPEARANCE OF SANITIZED PHOTOGRAPHY SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH OTHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC PRODUCTS.

H. REPORTS BASED SOLELY ON BLACK SHIELD PHOTOGRAPHY SUCH AS COMPENDIA MAY BE RELEASED PROVIDED THAT NO RECONSTRUCTION OF TRACK(S) IS POSSIBLE.

3. IN THE EVENT OF QUERIES REGARDING SOURCE OF BLACK SHIELD SHOULD BE INDICATED TO BE SIMPLY ANOTHER TACTICAL RECCE COLLECTION SOURCE.

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